

Remarks

The following remarks are submitted to address all issues in this case, and to put this case in condition for allowance. Application claims 1-40 are pending in the application. Application claims 1, 29, 30, 31, and 32 are independent.

Applicants have studied the Office Action Mailed January 3, 2007 and have the following remarks.

Double Patenting

Without admission as to the correctness of the double patenting rejection in light of United States patent application Ser. No. 10/691,399, Applicant includes herewith a Terminal Disclaimer which moots the Examiner's double patenting rejection. As the Examiner has issued no other rejections or objections to the claims, Applicant believes them to now be in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

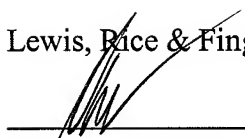
In light of the above, Applicant respectfully requests entrance of the above amendment and allowance of all pending claims so that this case can pass on to issue. As a final point, it is believed no fees are due in conjunction with this filing; however, the Commissioner is authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any deficiencies necessary for entering this amendment, including any claims fees and/or extension fees to/from our **Deposit Account No. 50-0975**.

If any questions remain, Applicant respectfully requests a telephone call to the below-signed attorney at (314) 444-7783.

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